



Nez Perce Tribe

Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees

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Ellen Wheatley, Acting Director
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Dear Ms. Wheatley:

This letter describes how the Nez Perce Tribe Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories

1. Direct Services/Subsidies

- Providing relief from copayments for families and for paying the family's co-payment portion to the child care provider. Providing child care assistance to children of essential workers defined as health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, and other workers deemed essential during the response to the coronavirus

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

- Request technical support. Provide resources and supply kits for the purpose of cleaning and sanitation to include hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, temperature tablet (center-based) or thermometers (relative providers).
- TOC: Provide training on virus mitigation policies, practices, and procedures to include CDC / Tribal Health Clinic recommendations as appropriate and feasible.
- Provide resources to providers as appropriate (center based / relative care).

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

- Request technical support to implement child care retention grant for child care providers providing child care during a declared emergency due to their increased costs and risks providing child care.

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

- Request technical support. Provide supply kits for the purpose of cleaning and sanitation to include hand sanitizer, gloves, masks, temperature tablet (center-based) or thermometers (relative providers).

5. Other

- Purchase of technology boards and tablets, learning computer software etc. and also equipment and materials for a new/temporary child care facility (if the tribe has an available building).
- Purchase of Plexiglas, temperature tablets (center-based) or thermometers (relative care providers), touchless sinks, touchless garbage cans, electric soap dispensers, installation of automatic light switches, upgrade TOC HVAC system, portable air purifiers and UV ray sterilizers for TOC, tribal center-based/family child care providers.

The Nez Perce Tribe Mamáy'asnim Hitéemenwees (Children's Place of Learning) will amend our CCDF plan as a result of activities implemented under CRRSA funding not currently described in the plan, within 60 days of implementation.

Sincerely,

/s/



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